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Flood Waters Eclipse Earthquake and Hurricane

By Carol McCord

Photos by Jerry Green and Peggy Taliaferro

First there was the late August earthquake which resulted in a lot of us asking "where were you when...?"

Then hurricane Irene sideswiped Broadmead, blowing down some trees, but it was sort of run-of-the-mill as hurricanes go.

But then came Wednesday, September 7, and tropical storm Lee, bringing the Broadmead area its worst flood since hurricane Agnes raged through in 1972.

Overnight, Western Run, the small tributary of the Gunpowder watershed flowing through our west side, had moved over into the field next to the Perimeter Road. Our field had become a swift river which swept through the entire lower maintenance complex and on through the Springhouse dell.

Only the tops of drowned vehicles parked near the barn could be seen. Road equipment, snowplows, tractors, as well as dozens of stored household appliances and two residents' vehicles parked outside, were almost submerged.

The small pond and Springhouse bowl had filled to the tops of the Springhouse windows. What had been the banks of Western Run had become a levee of thick mud churning over all surrounding land.

Ten days earlier, "Irene" had hit Baltimore and the entire east coast with what had been repeatedly forecast as a "very wet tropical storm." So by September 6, all the east coast had been saturated. Rivers were swollen from North Carolina into Vermont, where there was serious flooding. New York City news was full of evacuation warnings, with both the governor and the mayor appearing on TV. Pictures of sandbagging in parts of Manhattan were televised. By Labor Day week, unremitting rains, day and night, had soaked Baltimore and Harford Counties and all the Gunpowder watershed.

By the morning after our flood, the waters had subsided and our field was once more only a field. But the damage was done. There remained the unimaginable job of evaluating, restoring, and worst-of-all, cleanup! The Maintenance Department was and is faced with all of this.

Because the area is a wetland, no flood insurance was available. Director of Support Services Doug Bareis said it is also the greatest flood since the Broadmead opened in 1979. They have set goals to be cleaned up and ready for the next season.

"To be prepared," he said.



Top: Flood waters gushed over the Dog Park and swamped two campers parked near the maintenance sheds. At right: the storm paid no attention to county environmental warnings.

More pictures and resident Priscilla Stieff's recollections of hurricanes past.

See pages 10 and 11.



Broadmead Welcomes

By Nancy Allchin

Photos by Natalie Bellows

Kathryn (Coke) Rienhoff (Mrs. Hugh)

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We know her as "Cokey," the nickname derived from her maiden surname. She is a native of



Baltimore, but went south to attend Southern Methodist University where she earned her degree, with a major in French. She married, and she and her husband raised boy-and-girl twins and another daughter.

Once they left home she was free to travel, and travel she did. She has been to many countries abroad, favoring the Middle East, China and India. The latter is her favorite; she has been there twelve times,

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enjoying their culture and beautiful landscapes, and their tiger preserves.

Her most recent journey in March to Egypt and Sudan was to continue on to Libya but those plans had to be given up due to the war.

Cokey had her own interior decorating firm. She likes to arrange flowers and has been a judge for the Garden Club of America. She is one of the founding members of the Walters Art Museum, and in the past was on the Women's Board of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her love of tennis and skiing was cut short by a knee replacement. Her yearly skiing vacation alternated between the Alps and the Rockies.

Peggy (Altvater) Patterson (Mrs. Thomas)

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Peggy has lived in northern Baltimore County for 40 years where she and her husband (deceased) maintained a small farm, raising horses, sheep and goats. Her husband worked in the corporate world, most of those years at PHH. She began life on a farm in Talbot County on the Eastern Shore where her family owned a large grain farm.



At age 26 she embarked on her college education, earning a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology at Towson State as it was known in bygone years. She became a public school librarian, first at Perry Hall Middle and later at Hereford Middle. After retiring, she began working part-time at BCPL (Baltimore County Public Library) where she still works today.

Peggy's daughter, son-in-law, and two college-age grandchildren live nearby in the north county. Her son is in California.

As you might expect, she plans to cultivate a plot in the vegetable garden next spring.

**Caroline (Hammerman) Goldsmith
(Mrs. Henry)**

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Caroline left her home of 57 years in Mt. Washington to come to Broadmead. She is a Goucher graduate, having majored in English and history. She taught in Baltimore junior high schools, one of which, Garrison, she herself had attended.

She and her husband Henry raised a son and three daughters who live in Baltimore with the exception of one daughter currently living in Israel.



There are three grandchildren. Her family joins forces in the summer at their rustic cabin in Montana near Glacier National Park, a place she loves to go for the simpler life of days gone by.

In the past Caroline has volunteered for WISH, a women's counseling program, and has spent 30 years helping at the Franciscan Center soup kitchen. Asked about her interests, she mentioned reading, art, walking, nature and the outdoors, plus adventure travel. It sounds like Broadmead is a good fit.

MOVING AROUND BROADMEAD

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Broadmead's Pets To Have Special Day



By Claire Eckels and Anne Lee

Broadmead's house pets are having a day of their own on Saturday, October 15. Long ago St. Francis of Assisi, who loved nature and animals, became the focus of tales about his preaching to birds and animals. Remembering this, we joyfully celebrate the gift of our pets.

Residents are invited to bring dogs and cats for a short service. Passages from the Bible dealing with the creation of animals, and a prayer of thanksgiving for our pets and their well-being will form the service.

Blessing the pets will be Pastor Greg Fetzer of Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville.

The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the shuffleboard court. Chairs will be provided.

All pet owners, residents and employees are invited. Spectators and children are welcome.

Animals must be kept under control using leashes or carrying cases.

Refreshments (for humans) and an opportunity to admire the animals will follow.

The Broadmead Residents Association Health Care Committee

will present a talk on
**Prevention and Treatment of
Infectious Illness**

Barbara Carroll, M.D.
Broadmead Medical Director

Tuesday, October 18
10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Lawyer Advises Residents to Get Paperwork in Order

By Frank Iber

Prominent elder-care lawyer Jason Frank enlightened and amused his Broadmead audience with descriptions of vivid and pithy cases illustrating problems which may arise if paperwork is not in order near the end of life.

Speaking at the September lecture sponsored by the Residents Association Health Care Committee, Frank reviewed the Maryland law governing care-issue choices in the Health Care Decisions Act of 1993, and the new Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) which became effective this year as of October 1.

His strong recommendation is that we all execute an Advance Directive that includes both a Living Will, which outlines our wishes for end-of-life care, and a Health Care Power of Attorney, which designates, in a priority fashion, who has control over health decisions should we be incapable. He recommended that at least two persons be designated and the order in which they should be contacted in case one is unavailable. If pertinent, persons **not to be involved** should also be designated..

For those who do not have an Advance Directive, he provided a two-page handout which reviews the order in which relatives or friends are contacted and are responsible. The law is clear that these restrictions do not apply to care in an emergency room, so there is still a purpose for Medical Alert Bracelets.

The MOLST initiative, required of all patients in the licensed areas of

Broadmead as of October 1, is a detailed lay out of your wishes for end-of-life care. This document must accompany you if you are transferred to another facility.

The MOLST form and related information is available in his excellent handout which may be obtained at Broadmead's outpatient window. Assistance with the Advanced Directive is provided in the Admissions Suite through Carolyn Frederick. These directives are much more binding on all providers, if created after October 2010.

Jean Wilson and Partners Win Two Round Robins

Jean Wilson with partners Bette Hollyday and Pam Langham were winners in Round Robin Bridge again this year, according to announcements from Ann Remington, coordinator for Round Robin One; and Dick Allchin, coordinator for Round Robin Two. Round Robin Three does not complete its annual cycle until December. Scoring behind the Wilson-Hollyday partnership in One were Virginia Cooley and Nancy Hauss, second; Nancy Boyce and Marcia Reinke, third; Mary Ruth Sidwell and Marge Tuttle, fourth; Betsy Griffin and Peggy Taliaferro, fifth; and Priscilla Wiswell and Anne Remington, sixth.

The Wilson-Langham partnership were Round Robin Two champions for the second consecutive year, winning seven of their games. Five teams won six games, and placed as follows based on total scores: Bette Hollyday and Mary Jane Kiefaber, second; Dick and Nancy Allchin, third; Florence Platt and Priscilla Stieff, fourth; Phil Schnering and Charlie Wilhelm, fifth; and Bill and Marcia Reinke, sixth.



Photo by Marcia Reinke

“Go Away Squirrel”

By Ruth Williams

Sally Jane Boone had a problem common to many Broadmead bird lovers. The squirrels were eating up the seed she had put out for the birds. On occasion, the squirrels were joined by chipmunks and even deer.

Her first line of attack was a large new bird feeder, advertised as “squirrel proof.”

No luck. Those cunning squirrels found their way to the bird seed.

Next she put up two baffles--two large semi-circular dishes. That didn't work either.

Her final attempt was to attach five small bright yellow plastic pots to the feeder pole.

Success at last...or most of the time. Drop by the rear of M-6 to see Sally's unique colorful anti-squirrel device.

Let's Dance

Monday, October 10
7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Everyone Welcome
Ted Wilson



Harpist to Bring New Provocative Genre

By Virginia Foster

The harp has come into its own as a solo instrument. No longer merely a garnish for orchestral music, its potential has been realized by many composers, some of whom will be heard October 16 at 2 p.m. in the Broadmead auditorium.

Harpest Laura Stokes, who is currently studying at the Peabody Conservatory, recently attended the harp “Festivalin Caernarfon” in Wales. She will be sharing some compositions with us that are new to the harp repertory.

Opening her program will be a sonata by John Barry, followed by a nocturne by the popular Russian, Glinka. Also on the program are a work by the French composer Marcel Tournier, a medley of Welsh melodies and a work by Gabriel Faure.

Adventures in Learning

Fall Series - Wednesdays,
10:30 a.m. Auditorium.

Antiques for Antiques

October 5--Gregory Weidman, Curator,
Hampton National Historic Site
American Federal Period Furniture

October 12--James Abbott, Curator
Evergreen House Foundation
The DuPont Collections and Mr. DuPont

October 19--Rob Mintz, Curator
Asian Arts, Walters Art Museum
Antiques, Curiosities and Treasures

October 26--Field Trip
Winterthur Museum and Gardens
Delaware 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Cost: \$15 - includes bus and house tour
(Lunch not included - cafeteria on site)
Watch for sign-up sheet
on Bulletin Board, October 6

“Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot and Then Be Sought to Find.....”

Micheners Working with Langhams to Find Wartime Pen Pal

By John Michener

When the German bombing of London was well underway, Broadmead resident Maurice Langham, then a high school student, was among those repeatedly seeking shelter in one of the stations of the London underground.

Maurice’s high school, as part of the effort to help keep morale high in England, paired with a high school in Wichita, Kansas, to set up pen pal correspondences between their students. Thus Maurice acquired a female pen pal in Wichita. This was long before Maurice met and married Pamela Kennedy, a fellow London high school student who had also experienced bombing, including a direct hit on her house and a direct hit on her school when she was in class. Maurice went on to become a physician, eventually becoming a noted on the eye and the brain and a professor at the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Maurice and Pam moved to Broadmead in 2009. John and Jane Michener were among the new friends they acquired here. The four of them were dining together one fateful day this August when Jane asked Maurice about his experiences as a high school student in London during the German air raids. When Maurice got to his pen pal friend from Wichita he suddenly paused and, turning to John, asked “Don’t I recall you were attending high school in Wichita at that time?” When John confirmed this Maurice continued, “Do you recall a girl whose last name was Meeker?” John said he did not, that there were two high schools in Wichita at that time, that he had no knowledge about the students at the other high school, that his own high school had a little over 2,400 students, and that he didn’t remember

any Meekers. But, John went on, he had an alumni directory that listed every student from the school’s first graduating class in 1920 through 2008.

John soon reported back to Maurice that the directory listed 13 Meeker graduates in that 88 year period, two of whom were women in the graduating classes from 1941 through 1945. One of these, Virginia Meeker, a member of John Michener’s graduating class in 1943, had not

responded to the request for information for the directory so it was not known whether she had died or simply that contact had been lost.

The other, Polly Ann Meeker, now Polly Toombs, had been a member of the graduating class in 1942. She still lived in Wichita and was owner of The

Four Crooks Estates Sales. John also gave Maurice Polly Toomb’s address, phone number, and the names of her husband and their four children.

A day or so later when the Langhams and Micheners chanced to meet as they were going into Holly Terrace, John asked Maurice if he had been able to reach Polly Meeker and whether she was the pen pal he’d had 70 years ago. Maurice replied he had been a little reluctant to call a woman who would quite likely turn out to be a total stranger. Pam’s response was quick: “Maurice, call her!”

The next morning John got an excited call from Maurice. Polly was indeed his long ago pen pal! They had had a wonderful conversation. But not only was she his pen pal, she had known who John was although she did not know him personally. John’s response was quick: “Are you and Pam going to fly out to Wichita to meet Polly and her husband?” Maurice replied that he wasn’t sure about that. John quickly suggested, “I’ve still got family and friends in Wichita. If it would help, Jane and I will fly out with you and take everyone out for dinner.”

Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot and Then Be Sought to Find.....Stay tuned



Malcolm Sherman Memorial Concert



Over 160 music lovers swarmed into Broadmead's auditorium and lounge for the opening program in this year's concert series. Featured in the September 11 concert, in memory of resident Malcolm Sherman and those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks, was the Monument Trio, composed of Jonathan Carney, violinist and concert master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Dariusz Skoraczewsky, principal cellist of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and pianist-composer Michael Sheppard who founded the group. Carney was substituting for co-founder and violinist Igor Yuzefovich.

Photo by

Multicultural Committee

Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m.

Auditorium

Quilt Stories

Janice Green

Master Storyteller

This program is scheduled in connection with the completion by residents of a story-telling quilt

The Multicultural Committee is co-sponsoring a talk on the United Nations. See Open Forum announcement on page 15.

Let's Sing

with Jonathan Jensen

at the piano

Wednesday, October 19*

7 p.m., Auditorium

* change of day due to Trustees Meeting



Ballet Video

Friday, October 21, 7 p.m. Auditorium

Sleeping Beauty

Music by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky

Kirov Ballet

Harry Blumenthal

Laundry Room Trio Keeps Broadmead Clean

Text and photo by Sally Bloomer

It was a pleasure to visit with Sylvia, Evelyn and Barbara. They are the staff members who keep the linen tumbling in the laundry room on the first floor near the kitchen.

My recollection of a laundry room is a dark room in the basement with one light in the ceiling where two laundry tubs, plus a Maytag washer and dryer, stood next to a door in the wall that opened onto a laundry chute. Such dreary conditions do not exist at Broadmead.

Here there are two large brightly lighted rooms, one full of washing machines, the other of dryers and ceiling-high storage shelves.

The day I visited, Sylvia Mooney, a 20-year employee, and Evelyn Cohn, a 29-year employee, were busy at a large table folding whatever came out of the huge hamper from the drying room.

The third woman, Barbara Almony, had the day off. They must operate six days a week to keep ahead of our soiled stuff. It was Barbara's turn to work this Saturday, so Thursday became her day off.

Occasionally Sylvia would stop folding, go to the washing room and unload a washer. Because on this day the health care laundry was being done, Sylvia put on a coverall and a mask. When loading from the health care area, she has to be careful of soiled diapers forgotten by the health care providers. Other items are sometimes forgotten from all areas--such as jewelry, false teeth or TV remotes. On this lucky day Sylvia came out with a newly laundered, germ-free, cuddly white bear.

Given up looking for lost items? Check with the Housekeeping Department.

Sylvia was formerly on the cleaning staff but, since recovering from an illness, prefers the less strenuous work she now does. She enjoys gardening and time with her grandchildren. Sylvia lives in Millers, MD, near White Hall.

Evelyn would not work any place else. She appreciates the retirement and health benefits at Broadmead. She enjoys the comfortable employees lounge, although she wishes the younger staff members would be more careful about dirty dishes after meals.

She, Sylvia and Barbara would all like a radio to listen to gospel music while they work. Gospel music is important to all of them.

Evelyn's biggest pleasure is Annie, her 9 year old black lab, who is ready to go out every afternoon when Evelyn arrives home.

Annie enjoys eating pizza, just like Evelyn. But they both have to eliminate this pleasure or suffer from obesity. Annie delivers the paper to Evelyn and climbs up in her lap even when she says "No". Annie belonged to Evelyn's deceased son.

Barbara Almony, a 20-year veteran at Broadmead, lived in Blue Mount, but now lives in White Hall. She has two children fifteen years apart. She cried for two days when she learned about the second one, a son, but now she is grateful for his help. He and his cat Butch live with Barbara. She likes to sew, travel and make quilts. She also started out in the clusters.

The laundry room machines wash and tumble six days a week. As we enjoy clean sheets, pillow cases and towels, we appreciate their efforts. The staff there feel their endeavors are worth while. The two laundry rooms may be a little noisy but the ambiance is bright and cheerful. Think what it would be like with a little gospel music!



Sylvia Mooney, Barbara Almony and Evelyn Cohn

Broadmead Briefs.....

Want to find out how **Broadmead rates** in surveys run by the government and *U.S. News and World Report*? The *U.S. News* rating may be found at <http://health.news.com> under Best Nursing Homes in Maryland. The complete government site, which begins with <http://www.medicare.gov> is three lines long, and may be obtained from Brad Andrus in Marketing. Hint: Broadmead gets Five Stars, the top rating, in both.

The new **Computer Room** on the second floor is now “up and running” in its new location next to Sew and So. **Nancy Henley** has, moreover, volunteered to conduct classes for those among us who are computer “challenged.”

Heed the Speed Limit, urges Building and Grounds Chair Sibylle Ehrlich. She notes that the limit on the Perimeter Road is 20 miles per hour and just 10 miles per hour on the Fire Lane. “When you’ve just gotten off the highway, it seems terribly slow, but the residents walking on the road and those living right off the fire lane will thank you,” she said.

Director of Community Services Linda Chick is renewing her periodic plea for new resident volunteers willing to help out at the Reception Desk. Residents staff the desk from noon to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. If interested, please see Linda or any of the ladies at the reception desk.

Jonas Rappeport has another **Kitchen Tip**, dealing with a “dedicated towel.” He says to put an old kitchen towel under your sink. Whenever you spill something on the floor, throw the towel on the floor and wipe up the spill with the towel and replace it under the sink where it will dry. He advises “on occasion you can wash it.”

Conservation Committee

Thursday, October 13, 10 a.m.

Fireplace Room

Video: The Earth - The Operator's Manual

Sustainable Energy

New Members Welcome

Jonas is also passing on information about getting **ad-free local weather forecasts** by telephone again. AudioNow, a broadcast-to-telephone provider, has established a local number, 410-500-4450, which is providing Baltimore forecasts from NOAA Weather Radio, toll free and ad free. There is also a local weather forecast available from BGE and Fox 45--410-662-9225--but it comes with ads, for which reason Jonas likes the NOAA version better. Both come with a computer-generated voice.

NEWLY ARRIVED RESIDENTS

Kitty Dawes	R-19
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Vespers

Sunday, October 23
4:30 p.m. Main Lounge
Arthur Dan Gleckler, Pastor
Bethesda United Methodist Church
All are welcome

Wednesday Worship

1st Wednesday of Month, 10:30 a.m.
Episcopal Communion
Health Education Room
East Hall Room 106
Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church

2nd Wednesday of Month, 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass
Health Education Room
East Hall Room 106
Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church

Hurricane Escaped in an Oxcart

By Priscilla Stieff

(A propos of recent hurricanes and floods in our midst, Priscilla recalls old adventures.)

The year was 1889 in the small seaside village of Ocean City, MD. A big storm was about to hit the few summer cottages and the lifesaving station along the beach.

In those days vacationers came and went by train to the railroad depot in the south end. The tracks crossed a trestle over Sinepuxent Bay and the journey was a long and tiring one from Baltimore and other points. My grandparents, my 15-year-old Aunt Priscilla who told me this story, a younger brother and a cousin occupied a cottage near the boardwalk on that early September weekend.

A storm was brewing. The waves were angry. The wind blew as the tides rose and fell. A stir of apprehension was felt throughout the community. The tides continued to come in, higher and higher. By that Sunday evening the house was surrounded by water. Life guards (coast guards) cut a trench on the back of the premises to help drain the water.

Some cottagers had departed. My family stayed on until, on Sunday evening while they were at the supper table, an immense wave crashed onto the floor.

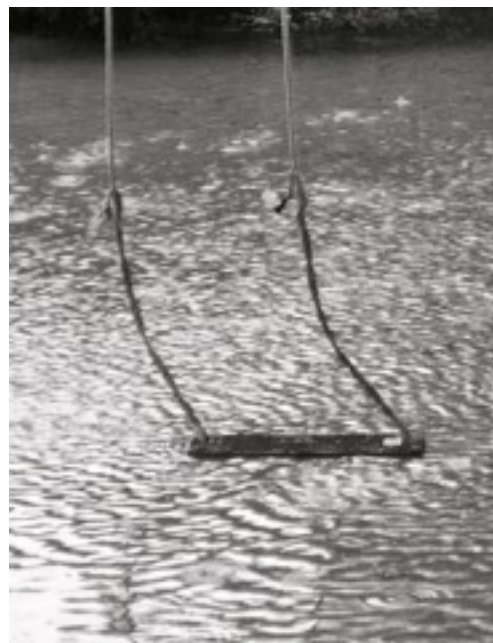
Leaving was mandatory by then and they were able to get an ox cart to take them to the station. Once there they learned that a train had been sent to rescue them and others but could not cross the shaky trestle because of the howling wind. A hand car was put into service and lurched and swayed across the bay. All were evacuated to safety and waited out the storm on the mainland.

Returning two days later, my relatives found sand everywhere. Things were still as they were left. The silver and the remains of the meal were still on the table, under great piles of sand, but otherwise undisturbed. Damage to the tiny ocean resort was extensive.

As for me, I was a small girl when the 1933 hurricane came along, and was also evacuated from Ocean City along with my mother and the same Aunt Priscilla. That was the hurricane which cut an inlet between the northern tip of Assateague and the southern tip of Ocean City, changing it forever into a growing and still growing city.....”downy Oshun” as William Donald Schaefer would say.

Still later, in 1954, when Hurricane Carol hit Rhode Island, my in-laws and two tiny children had to leave the beach for higher ground. The hood of their Edsel car blew off in the pouring rain and the wind.

Storm -- Continued from Page One



This is a final view of the swing, a favorite of both residents and grandchildren, before it, and the tree from which it hung, succumbed to the weather.

Storm continued....



There was tree damage near Holly House but the house escaped damage, as did all the main buildings and residences.



This overflow contraption in "Lake Maybe" temporarily caught up the green algae when flood waters from Western Run backed up and poured back into our storm water management system. Undaunted, the algae are returning.

BIRD AND NATURE GROUP

Friday, October 28, 1:30 p.m.
Fireplace Room on the
Lower Level

Everyone Welcome



Conservation Update

New Residents Alert

There is a clothes line for drying clothes behind the tractor garage. Residents may choose to use it as an alternative to the dryer. Save energy!

The recycling containers in each cluster will soon have new labels. The number of recycling items will increase, according to Beth Conners, Housekeeping supervisor. Be on the alert!

It is important to do your laundry in "Off Peak" hours. Check the sign in your cluster's laundry room. It should read:

Electricity Time of Use Periods

Off Peak Hours 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday

If your cluster does not have this sign, contact Sally Bloomer at 410-229-9978.

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Wickwire

September 25 , 1915

September 5, 2011

Book Group Selections

In the Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 3

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

Monday, November 7

Unbroken by Laura Hildebrand

Books must now be borrowed from the Bookmobile. They are no longer being held in the BRA Office because some of last year's selections have still not been returned. Please check your bookshelves.

Elborg Climbs Soapbox to Rail Against Violent Movies

By Elborg Forster

I finally understand why I don't like movies in movie houses. It's the coming attractions.

To begin with, these "trailers" are invariably much too loud, loud enough to hurt your ears. And then most of the films they advertise are incredibly violent.

Cars fly through the air before they crash into buildings and burst into flames. Masked villains fire automatic weapons into crowds and leave heaps of bleeding victims. Men and women, their faces distorted by hatred, scream at each other. War scenes from every era are realistically reenacted.

And Nature itself is part of the violence with hurricanes, floods, avalanches, and volcanoes. These last kinds of film are referred to as "Disaster Films."

Recently I read in the *New York Times* about "Contagion," by Steven Soderbergh, released on the weekend of 9/11, no less. It's the story of a deadly flu epidemic, surely a subject that arouses as much fear as other natural disasters, of which we have seen only too much lately.

The public, I have to conclude reluctantly, loves violent and frightening movies. I am not a psychologist, but I have long been trying to understand this sad state of affairs.

Here is a possible explanation. Human beings are filled with fear of dreadful dangers, natural and man-made, and most deeply felt among them is the fear of death. Could it be that the pleasure in watching our fellow creatures subjected to cruelty, misfortune and death has to do with relief? "It is not I who suffer," we say, "it's someone else. I am safe!"

This attitude in itself would be nothing more than selfishness, lack of empathy, childish disregard of the basic fact that death is part of life. What strikes me as much more pernicious is the activity of those who make enormous profits from

relentlessly foisting violent, disgusting, mind-numbing, and tasteless images and sounds on the public.

Moreover, today's technology is so advanced that these images are highly realistic and all the more frightening. I mean, think of the paper-maché Hound of the Baskervilles in the 1930s and compare it with the seemingly living and breathing monster of the latest version.

What is to be done about this? Nothing comes to mind immediately, except that sane people should boycott such shows and keep their children away from them. And that goes for run-of-the-mill television shows as well.

And herewith I climb down from my soapbox.

Progeny

By Ruth S. Williams

Pat's grandson has a Ph.D.
in Applied Psychology.
He wrote his doctoral thesis
on Chinese Psychokinesis.

Bill's daughter Jill is an architect
Who built a castle in Utrecht.
She built it for the Prince of Jordan
Who married her in the garden.

Mary's daughter Gert married Thor.
They settled down in Baltimore.
Now Gert's on a Reality Show
With her five sets of triplets in tow.

Wilbur, on the other hand,
Had a grandson in a rock band.
He stole a car and went to jail.
Wilbur went down and posted bail.

Children can bring you peace and joy,
Whether a girl or whether a boy,
But sometimes life throws you a curve.
You don't always get what you think you
deserve.

Books New to Broadmead Library: Fiction and Mystery

Dozens of new books have been donated to the Broadmead Library in recent months by our generous donors. Below is a sampling from the top of the alphabet for Fiction and Mystery books.

Fiction

Regular fiction (FIC) is shelved in the Main Library, central bookcases, in alphabetical order by author's last name.

- Adamson, Gil. *The outlander*. 2008.
Barry, Brunonia. *The map of true places*. 2010.
Bennett, Alan. *The uncommon reader*. 2007.
Blake, Sarah. *The postmistress*. 2010.
Boyle, Elizabeth. *One night of passion*. 2002.
Brown, Dale. *Executive intent*. 2010.
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Gregory, Philippa. *The other queen*. 2008.

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Mystery fiction (FICM) is in the Main Lounge, on the right half of the far right wall, also shelved in alphabetical order by author.

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Brown, Sandra. *Play dirty*. 2007.
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Burke, James Lee. *Rain gods*. 2009.
Christie, Agatha. *The body in the library*. 1970.
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Clark, Carol H. *Zapped: a Regan Reilly mystery*. 2008.
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Connelly, Michael. *The overlook*. 2007.
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Coonts, Stephen. *The intruders*. 1994.
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**Friends Meeting
for Worship**
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Stony Run Board Room



Broadmead Movies

Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Tuesday movies selected
by Suzanne and Jim Crowder

Saturday movies by Jeanne Stephenson

Tuesday, October 4 **Husbands and Wives**

Marriage of long-married couple (starring Woody Allen & Mia Farrow) crumbles as best friends announce their separation. Resentments and jealousies arise, erupting in savage humor and hilariously unpredictable reunions.

1992 Sub-titles R 107 minutes

Tuesday, October 11 **Brother's Keeper**

Documentary which explores the odd world of four elderly brothers --- illiterate farmers who have lived their entire lives in a dilapidated two-room shack. One brother dies and the police become suspicious.

1992 Sub-titles NR 104 minutes

Saturday, October 15 **Torn Curtain**

An American scientist (Paul Newman) pretends to be a detective, but his ulterior motives spell danger for him and secretary (Lila Kednova)

1966 NR 125 minutes

Tuesday, October 18 **About Schmidt**

Insurance actuary Warren Schmidt (Jack Nicholson) retires and his wife (Hope Davis) dies. He looks for life's meaning on a road trip to his daughter's wedding to a waterbed salesman.

2002 Sub-titles R 125 minutes

Tuesday, October 25 **What's Cooking**

Multicultural comedy-drama set in Los Angeles's middle-class environs as four ethnic clans, Latino, Black, Jewish and Asian, get ready for Thanksgiving dinner. Heated battles and skeletons come out of the closet.

2000 Sub-titles P13 109 minutes

Saturday, October 29

Out of Africa

The romantic biography of author Isak Dinesen, the Danish woman who travels to Africa with her husband to run a coffee plantation and falls in love with a rugged hunter.

1985

PG

161 minutes

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

7 p.m. Auditorium

October 1

Some of My Favorite Performances from Tarantulas to Whales and What They Taught Me

Brent Whitaker, MS, DVM
Deputy Executive Director
for Biological Programs
National Aquarium, Baltimore

October 8

Maryland Survey of Bird Population, 20 Years of Changing Bird Life

Walter Ellison, Ph.D. of Chestertown, MD
Lecturer in Biology at Washington College

October 22

The History of the Maryland Institute of Art

Douglas Frost
MICA Vice President Emeritus of
Development
Author of *Making History, Making Art*

Movies will be shown October 15 and 29

The Broadmead Play Readers

will present

A Woman's Purse

by Sue Schlenger

Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m.



Hither, Thither and Yawn

With Foxy Georgia

OMG..what next?..hurricane, earthquakes, Irene and floods...howsa' 'bout a little smoother weather?

..Sighted a group of sidewalk superintendents gawking at the flooded Lake Maybe and NewFound Lake: John McShane, Peggy Taliaferro, snapping pix; Nancy Boyce, complete with alpine stock cane; John Robbins, directing traffic. Jerry Green had a super set of pix on our Web site. Send it along to your out-of-town pals. Words cannot describe it all.

And if that wasn't enough, we had the Grand Prix in town. We oughta get up our own Grand Spree for the Amigo Racing set, round the Perimeter road, up to Hill House and down thru the Fire Lane. Here's some great candidates for drivers...Dick Allchin, Betty Rothman. Walter Dandy, Frances Hale, Jim Johnston, Barbara Vosburgh and, of course, Randy McKechnie.

They will need back-up help, and perhaps Bill Duff or Dick Dunlop or Vera Carnes would be willing to substitute.

The Pit Stops would be really important, big time. And Bonnie Cox should be on hand to mend anything. Plus, Max Greenland and Lyman Anderson would put the old stuff together PDQ (or should we get Dr. Carroll to do that ?)

One of the Pit Stops should be on the Fire Lane and that's a natural for Larry Galla and his crew. Then maybe Ben Villalobos and his gang could set up shop near the Blue Nail Box (the N is intentional). Then there needs to be some guys waving yellow flags, telling everyone what to do. Bob Davies? Beverly Becker? Leo Weiss? You? Let this dream continue. An announcer for station WBRA... Jerry Green? Frances Alden? Senta Koch?

Warning....don't let this dream come true!

How many of you remember the original Toll House Cookies? (I won't go into the history unless sufficiently urged.)

But now Broadmead has its own delicious version of this cookie, complete with our very own Toll House to make it authentic. Congrats, it's wonderful, Bernard and the bake chef! We're lovin' it!

Travel notes: Helen Davis is back from Turkey. Carolyn Goldsmith is back from Montana. Dosia Laeyendecker is back from Holland. Betty Douglas is back from Pelham. And Dot Gustafson is back from Wegman's.

Lotsa people are back from Maine..you fill in the blanks. And best of all, head honcho Marcia Reinke and Bill are back from Poland and raring to go!

Speaking of traveling, lotsa groups are moving around due to the extensive renovations on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Ruth Williams is Scrabbling for a cosy spot. Joan Tapley has found a haven for the Episcopalians and the Catholics are safely ensconced in room #160...know where that is?

The computer room is ready and available. Lois Sexton and Virginia Schurman are happy with it and with sharing a common wall with Sew and So, Elaine MacDonald, Donna Smith and Co. and settling in nicely.

Happiness is a good movie on Tuesday with many thanks to Leo Weiss and his committee of choosers: Ruth Williams, Sita Smith, Suzanne and Jim Crowder and Gretel Weiss.

Jeanne Stevenson is the Saturday night specialist. If we don't like the film, just up and out. You can't beat the price! Good place to un-lax, after all we've been through.

And now you been through a lot too.
So "nuff said."

Open Forum

7 p.m. Auditorium

Friday, October 14

Post "Wall" Germany

Vernon Lidtke, Professor Emeritus
Johns Hopkins University

Thursday, October 27

Is the UN Relevant Today ?

A. Edward Elmendorf
Past President and CEO
United Nations Associates, USA
The UN program is co-sponsored by
Open Forum and the Multicultural Committee

Barn Sale Time Again November 4 and 5

Friday 7:30-8:30 a.m. Residents and Staff

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Open to Public

Saturday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Open to Public

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Half Price

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